

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 are presented in the instant patent application. Claims 1, 8, and 15 are the independent claims. Claims 2 through 7 depend from Claim 1. Claims 9 through 14 depend from independent Claim 8. Claims 16 through 20 depend from Claim 15.

Applicants express appreciation to Examiner Chen, and Supervisory Zhen for the opportunity to discuss the patentable distinctions of Applicants' Claim 1 in view of United States Patent No. 7,047,518 B2 to Little *et al.*, (hereinafter "Little") over the telephonic Examiner's Interview of October 23, 2007. During the telephone Interview with Applicants' attorney Jean-Paul Cass, Esquire, (Registration No. 46,605) the Examiner suggested a possible amendment of Claim 1 in view of Little.

Applicants are amending the independent Claims, as suggested by the Examiner, to recite that the composite class view is an amalgamation and a rationalization of the individual class views, and the class views are retained in a given software application domain terminology for managing and sharing engineering data for chemical engineering processes and plants. Applicants note that this amendment is fully supported by the Patent Application as originally filed, for example, in the preamble of Claim 1, and at other locations.

Applicants are submitting the instant supplemental amendment as suggested by the Supervisory Examiner. This Supplemental Amendment supplements (i.e., adds to and does not remove any amendments and arguments from) the Request for Continued Examination filing of October 22, 2007 which requests entry of the Amendment After Final submitted September 24, 2006. Applicants also herein request favorable consideration and entry of that Amendment as stated in the Request for Continued Examination of October 22, 2007.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks combined with those of the Request for Continued Examination and its corresponding Amendment, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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